ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES June 6, 2014

The meeting convened at 7:30 a.m. at The Nature Conservancy, 22 Bridge Street, Concord, NH.

PRESENT: Councilor Allen Bennett, Tim Bernier, Robert Carey, Christopher Carley, Councilor Byron

Champlin, Walter Chapin, Brad Hosmer, Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Jan McClure, and

Councilor Brent Todd

ABSENT: Stephen Heavener, John Hoyt, Bill Norton, and Claudia Walker

STAFF: Carlos Baía, Deputy City Manager – Development

Nancy Larson, City Planner

Donna Muir, Administrative Assistant

1. March 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes Approval

Councilor Champlin moved approval; Mr. Carey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Introduction of City Planner Nancy Larson

Ms. Larson provided her vision for the City and goals for the Planning Division. EDAC members made several observations concerning procedural and legal streamlining to the development review process.

3. FY 2015 Budget Review

Mr. Baía presented a synopsis of the City's adopted FY 2015 Budget.

4. Steeplegate Mall

Mr. Baía expected that if the existing Mall debt is restructured, it should allow the current owner or a potential new owner flexibility to be more aggressive and creative in seeking new tenants.

5. Other Business

Mr. Baía advised as to the upcoming meetings of the Impact Fee Review and Upper Floor Development Committees as well as the City Council action regarding the NH Employment Security Building. It was also noted that the Vegas building is slated for public auction on June 23rd.

Councilor Todd suggested that Jay Minkarah, President and CEO of Develop Springfield, be invited to make a presentation. EDAC members concurred. Councilor Todd would contact Mr. Minkarah.

Mr. Carley thanked Councilor McClure for hosting the EDAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Muir